FISCAL NOTE

SB 2573 - HB 2582

February 19, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that any entity conducting blasting operations within one-half mile of any dwelling house, public building, church, school or commercial or institutional building shall conduct an inspection of each building and create a written record, complete with photographs, of any cracks, fissures or separations. Any action initiated against the blasting entity within six months of the blasting event will contain a rebuttable inference that any cracks, fissures or separations not present in the written record was caused by the blasting.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$61,800 Recurring \$23,400 One-Time

Assumptions:

- The numbers of complaints received by the Department of Commerce and Insurance will substantially increase and will justify the need for one additional blasting inspector position. There are currently three blasting inspectors statewide.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures for salary and benefits for one position and related operational expenses.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures for a vehicle, office furnishings and computer equipment.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director